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In re application of:

HERNDON et al.

Serial No. 09/865,240

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For: LAMINATION FEATURES FOR
STATOR GROUNDING

Art Unit: 2834

Examiner: Nguyen, Tran N.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 4, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 4, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The use of these features 304 eliminates the stator grounding clip which is typically used to cut into an e-coating 305 which is provided over the stator laminations. Eliminating this coating ensures grounding of the lamination stack against the conductive surface of the shaft. As shown, the features are rounded; but they may come to a sharper point if such a point can meet the objective of scraping a sufficient amount of the coating off the surface of the features 304 to provide an electrically conductive contact between the lamination stack and the outer surface of the shaft. The